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SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES TEEN SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNERS

High school and middle school students participated in the annual event

Springfield Public Library received entries from all over Lane County for the fourth annual Teen Short Story Contest. Rules of the contest stated that every story submitted must contain the sentence: *No one knew for sure how it happened.* Students in grades 6-12 were invited to enter.

All the stories are now part of a collection that is on display in the teen section of the library, and all teens who entered are now listed as authors in the library catalog. Participating schools in Springfield were: A3, Gateways, Hamlin Middle School, and Thurston High School and Middle Schools. Students also participated from: All Prep, Fern Ridge Middle School, home schools, Oakridge Junior and High Schools, Pleasant Hill High School, South Eugene High School, Waltherville, and West Lane Tech.

High school awards were given to: Zack Lehman, first place; Sam Dale, second place; Makena Starner, third place; Mary Biwersi, Katie Calef, Shelby Lynn Harvey, Kelleen Richins, and Shanda Zettle, honorable mentions. Participants included Jonathan Ferguson, Allison Keeney, Caroline LaFon, Kaitlynn Lima, Kyle Morris, Kelsie Hanson, Claire Peters, Graham Popick, Mckynzie Ritchie, Kaitlyn Sledge, Jesicka Wentz and Shilo Wilson.

Middle school awards were given to: Emilee Russell, first place; Crystal Staafs, second place; Willamette Johnson, third place; Kirstyn Groshong, Brooke Moriarty, Macey O'Bryant, and Nicole Payne, honorable mentions. Participants included Karly Boren, Alx Bunner, Cheyenne Cox, Sara Kesling, Grieta King, Sarah Morris and Jeremiah Price.

The contest prizes were sponsored by Smith Family Bookstore and the Cressey Charitable Trust.

What: 2009 Teen Short Story Contest winners

Where: Stories are on display in the Springfield Public Library teen section
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